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Dear Dr. Stauffer:

Thank you very much for the invitation, contained in your letter of November 12th, to address a plenary session of the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in March 1982. I regret that I must decline your kind invitation. I do not believe it would be appropriate for me to address administration priorities in an area that encompasses issues and organizations well outside the aegis of intelligence. As an alternate, you might consult with the Department of State or the Office of Management and Budget to see if either could provide a speaker on the subject.

I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm both my own and Mr. Casey's determination to improve further the already close ties that bind the academic community and the Intelligence Community. As you well know, we rely heavily on academicians for consultation and advice on ways to improve our analytic product. Additionally, we have often in the past turned to the colleges and universities to provide that research which we are unable to perform ourselves. We shall continue to do so in the future.

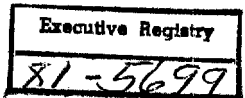
Again, my thanks to you and the other members of the Federal Relations Committee of the ISA for your invitation.

Sincerely,

/s/ B. R. Inman

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Admiral Bobby R. Inman, ~~VADM~~
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Dear Admiral Inman:

I write as chairman of the Federal Relations Committee of the International Studies Association. As I think you are aware, the International Studies Association (ISA) is the principal association of professors and practitioners in the field of international politics and economics, the membership consisting principally of professors of international relations on college and university campuses nationwide.

You have spoken eloquently in the past about the need for careful international relations research to back up the national security needs of the United States. Obviously this is a major concern to the members of the International Studies Association, especially so with the changing priorities for the support of research under the Reagan Administration. It appears to many professors in this field that there is increased interest in such research activity on the part of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense, the Department of Commerce, and other agencies, but perhaps with offsetting deemphasis coming from the National Science Foundation and other sources. What the shifts in funding sources and priorities portend is of course of great interest to the ISA members as they direct their research.

In Cincinnati, Ohio, on Thursday, March 25, 1982, the International Studies Association will be holding its annual meeting. I have been authorized by the executive committee of the International Studies Association to extend an invitation for you to appear before a plenary session of the meeting to discuss Reagan Administration research priorities in the field of international relations. We would plan to invite selected high level scholars in the field, as well as appropriate representatives from NSC and the U.S. Department of Defense. Given your leadership in this area, your role is particularly invited, and we think what you have to say would be pivotal. You would be the central figure at this session.

There is some flexibility on the precise date and time -- the meeting will occur between Wednesday and Saturday of that week -- but I think March 25 would be the optimal date if it agreed with your interests and calendar. We would be pleased to afford you every courtesy and consideration, and I would be happy to work with you and members of your staff in facilitating your appearance. I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Parenthetically, in the period of time before next March, I am the designee of the International Studies Association to ascertain more clearly the position of the Reagan Administration on international relations research. If there are appropriate members of your staff with whom I could engage in some

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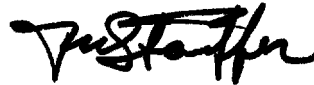
preliminary discussions in this regard, I would be pleased if you could direct me to them. I believe that a healthy dialogue early on would help set mutually beneficial directions, and probably go a long way to clearing the air of any doubts or suspicions. I think that quality of research that I know needs doing would be facilitated thereby. Certainly, ISA members are interested in future research directions.

In behalf of the International Studies Association, I hope that you will find these requests agreeable and possible. Again, I will do everything possible to help increase the flow of information between the CIA, other instrumentalities of the Reagan Administration, and the international studies community.

As you will please note from my letterhead, I am located at the American Council on Education. Let me note that this inquiry comes just at the behest of the International Studies Association and has no direct or official involvement with the American Council on Education. You may however direct your response to me at the American Council on Education at the address noted above. ||

All best wishes.

Sincerely,



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